

City of Albuquerque

Department of Municipal Development

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

Jennifer Turner, Director

Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee (GAATC)

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2026 | 4:00 – 6:00 PM

- **Call to order**

The Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee Meeting of March 9, 2026, was called to order by Chair Carver at 4:01 PM.

- **Introductions**

Committee Members Present

- Alex Applegate
- Sebastian Bentley, Vice Chair
- Adrian Carver, Chair
- Naomi George (arrived at 4:03 pm)
- Frank Horine
- Joseph Moriarty
- Luciana Roça
- Scott Quakkelaar

Committee Members Absent

- None

Staff Members Present

- Ian Alden, City Legal
- Abe Bortz-Johnson, Department of Municipal Development (DMD)
- Charles Davis, City Legal
- Valerie Hermanson, DMD
- Albert Lee, Sustainability
- Julie Luna, Bernalillo County
- Eric Michalski, DMD
- Whitney Phelan, Parks and Recreation Department (PRD)

Visitors Present

- Marcos Gonzalez
- Peter Rice, Downtown ABQ News
- Alexandria Varela

- **Review and Approval of March 9, 2026 Meeting Agenda**
 - Motion: Member Applegate moved to approve the March 9, 2026 agenda.
 - Second: Member George seconded.
 - Yes: Member Applegate, Member Bentley, Member Carver, Member George, Member Horine, Member Moriarty, Member Quakkelaar, Member Roça
 - Motion approved 8-0-0
- **Review and Approval of February 9, 2026 Meeting Minutes**
 - Motion: Member Moriarty moved to approve the February 9, 2026 meeting minutes.
 - Second: Member Bentley seconded.
 - Yes: Member Applegate, Member Bentley, Member Carver, Member George, Member Horine, Member Moriarty, Member Quakkelaar
 - Abstained: Member Roça
 - Motion approved: 7-0-1
- **General Public Comments**
 - Scot Key emailed the following public comment:

Good Afternoon: Upon reading the posted agenda for today's meeting, I'm gonna find something else to do, other than this short public comment.

I hope the Staff Reports are dazzling, and I'm sorry to miss those, but the so-called "meat" of today's agenda is so empty and out-of-touch with all that's happening regarding active transportation in our fair city/area that I deeply wonder why precisely zero of all that's happening shows up to be discussed at these meetings. My sense is that this representative body would **love** to chat, argue, and advise upon any/all of what's going on, but there's just about zero opportunity to do so.

Pity.

- **Agenda Item #1:**
 - Presentation: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave Separated Bike Lane Pilot Project, Valerie Hermanson, Abe Bortz-Johnson, Eric Michalski, Department of Municipal Development, City of Albuquerque
 - The presenters shared information about the pilot project, which will test out different types of vertical delineation within the existing buffered bike lanes on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave (MLK) between Arno and Oak Streets. The City will also be piloting two intersection designs at Elm and Oak. Piloting these options will build a better understanding for the City on how to build future separated bike lanes, understand the material durability and maintenance needs and costs, and gather community input about preferences for types of delineations or different delineation configurations. There will be a dedicated project website and survey, and once both are available, staff will let GAATC know. At this time, staff expect to construct this project in late spring/summer. If anything changes staff, will reach out to GAATC.
- **Staff Reports**
 - Municipal Development
 - Through the City's Annual Complete Streets Maintenance Program, each year, when the city repaves roadways, we look for opportunities to improve the striping to be more multimodal. For example, adding bike lanes, narrowing driving lanes, or adding daylighting, among other striping tools in our toolbox. A working group comprised of DMD and different City departments, and one GAATC representative, will review and comment on the plans together. The GAATC rep changes each year. Last year, Luciana served as the GAATC rep. This year, we are expecting to have two meetings that are two hours each to review the plans. If you're interested in serving as

the GAATC rep, please let Chair Carver know of your interest. Then the Chair will decide who the rep will be and let Valerie know by March 20.

- DMD recently kicked off a Trail Crossing Study, which is investigating seven very high-priority crossings from the Bikeway and Trail Facilities Plan. The study intends to better understand right-of-way, ITS infrastructure, subsurface utilities, access to power, drainage, and lighting, etc. at each location to determine if the location is a good candidate to pursue federal funding for implementation. The locations are:

Paseo de Las Montañas Trail crossings

- Wyoming crossing between Indian School and Constitution
- Indian School crossing between Moon and Eubank
- Menaul crossing between Morris and Juan Tabo
- Juan Tabo crossing between Menaul and Candelaria

Paseo del Nordeste Trail crossing

- Louisiana crossing between Candelaria and Comanche

Bear Canyon Arroyo Trail crossings

- Wyoming between Spain and Osuna
- Eubank between Spain and Osuna

- Confirming request for a presentation on the updates to the City's Traffic Code last November. There was also an accompanying education resolution that passed. Several City folks have been working with consultants since November on the campaign, which we expect to release this Thursday. There will also be toolkits with information that we'll be sharing, so that neighborhoods and other community groups can help us get the word out. Staff are identifying the appropriate presenter and hope to have this presentation at GAATC's April meeting.
- Office of Sustainability
 - Earth Day Festival on April 26. Tickers are free if you reserve them in March; otherwise, they're about \$5 - \$10 per person after March. There will be information about how to electrify your home, other money-saving information, and e-bike demos.
- Bernalillo County Public Works
 - Bernalillo County Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Action Plan
This plan has been adopted and is now available online at: https://www.bernco.gov/public-works/wp-content/uploads/sites/76/2026/02/PBSAP_Final_2026-No_Appendix.pdf
 - South Coors Blvd Sector Development Plan
The South Coors Corridor Sector Development Plan is intended to create new mixed-use centers along a major transit corridor and within walking distance of nearby neighborhoods. The plan focuses on promoting diverse housing options and fostering a range of economic opportunities, particularly within designated Centers, which are defined both by higher-level planning frameworks and through the planning process itself. The goal is to create a more coordinated land use context that supports a safer, multi-modal streetscape along South Coors Boulevard. Website: <https://safercoorsblvd.com/>
 - Blake Rd Reconstruction Project is underway
The project will include the redesign of Blake Rd. from the Isleta Drain east to Isleta Blvd to include sidewalks and bicycle lanes, and install storm drainage to address flooding in the area. Website: <https://www.bernco.gov/public-works/blog/2021/04/16/blake-rd-improvements/>

- **General Public Comment**

- None.

- **Item Not on the Agenda**

Chair Carver asked GAATC members about presentations they'd like to hear at future GAATC meetings.

- Electric scooters and their legality
 - ABQ RIDE discussion about why the City has a minimum 11-foot lane policy to accommodate buses.
 - Related: ABQ Fire and Rescue discussion about changing their recommendations related to lane width
 - What is the City doing to keep debris out of bike lanes
 - NMDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety initiatives in the ABQ area, planning and programming
 - Mayor's commitment to implement 50 protected crosswalks and 20 miles of separated bike lanes. Request to report on progress made either monthly or quarterly.
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- Next Meeting: April 13, 2026, 4 – 6 pm
 - Adjourn: 5:17 pm

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue Separated Bike Lane Pilot Project

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GAATC Meeting

March 9, 2026



Abe Bortz-Johnson, Project Manager, DMD, City of Albuquerque

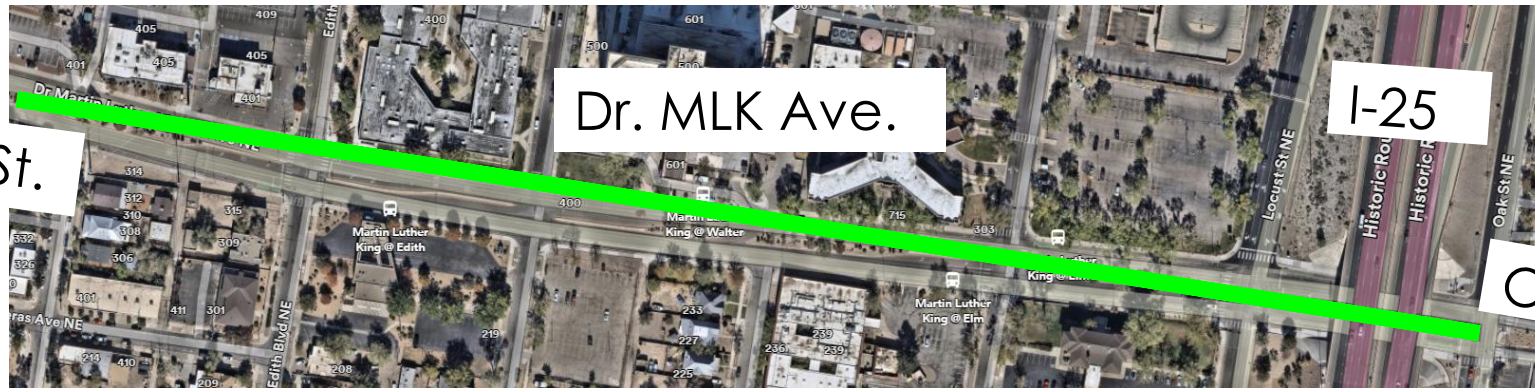
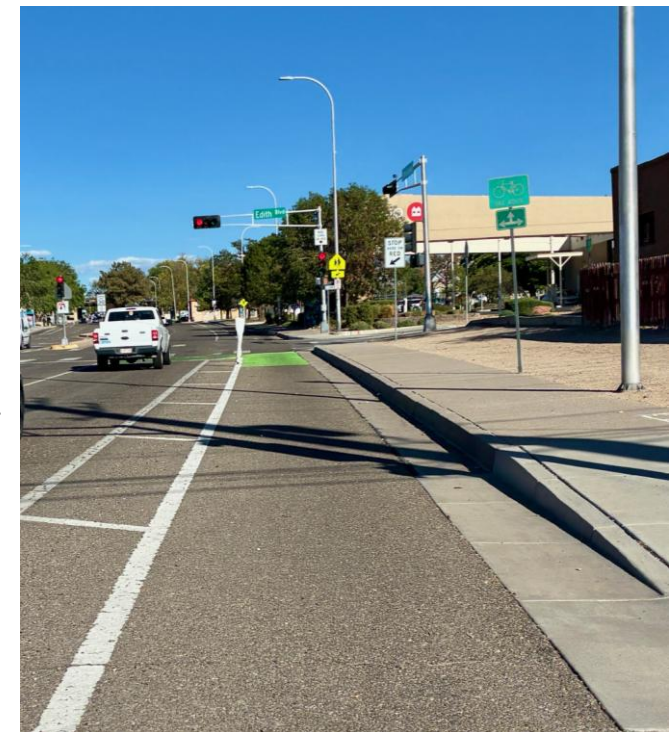
Valerie Hermanson, Transportation Planning Manager, DMD, City of Albuquerque

Project Background/Context

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave between Arno and Oak
- Between 2002 & 2004 - first standard bike lane installed on MLK
- Late 2016 – buffered bike lanes and bike boxes installed
- Key bikeway connection from UNM, and beyond UNM to downtown



Source: Google Street View

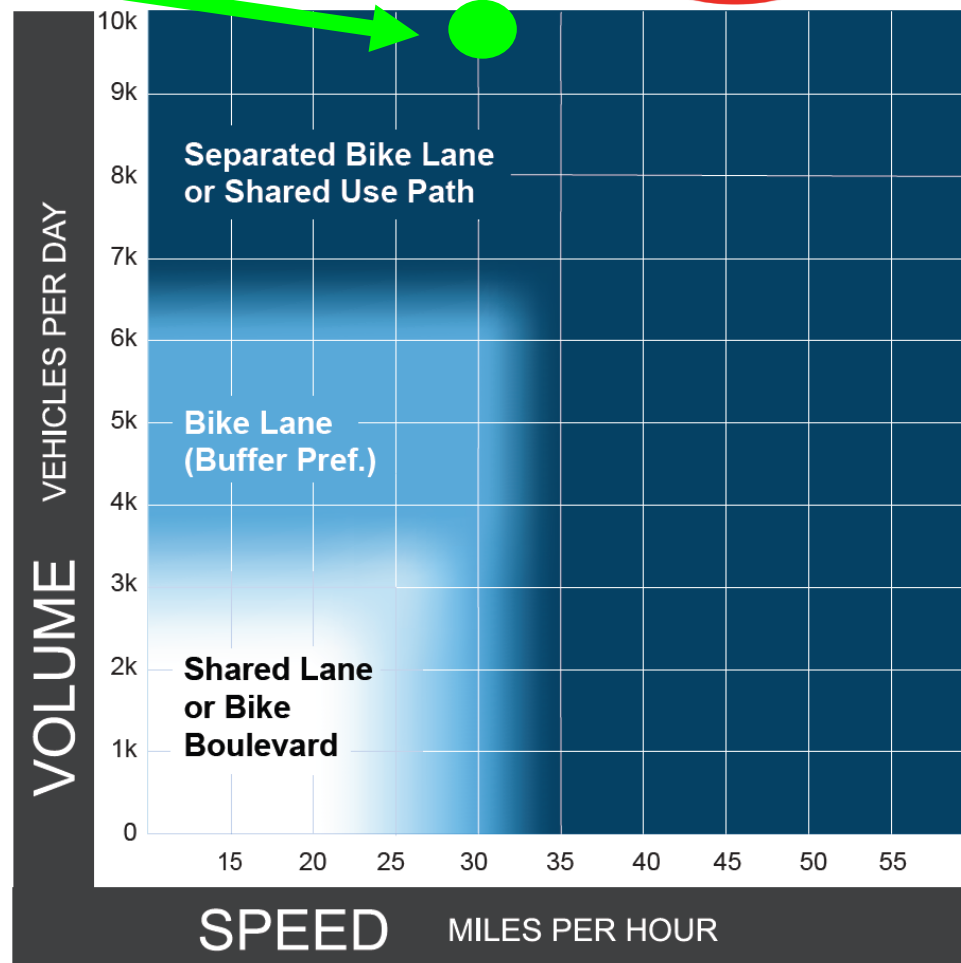


Plan: 2024 Bikeway and Trail Facilities Plan (BTFP)



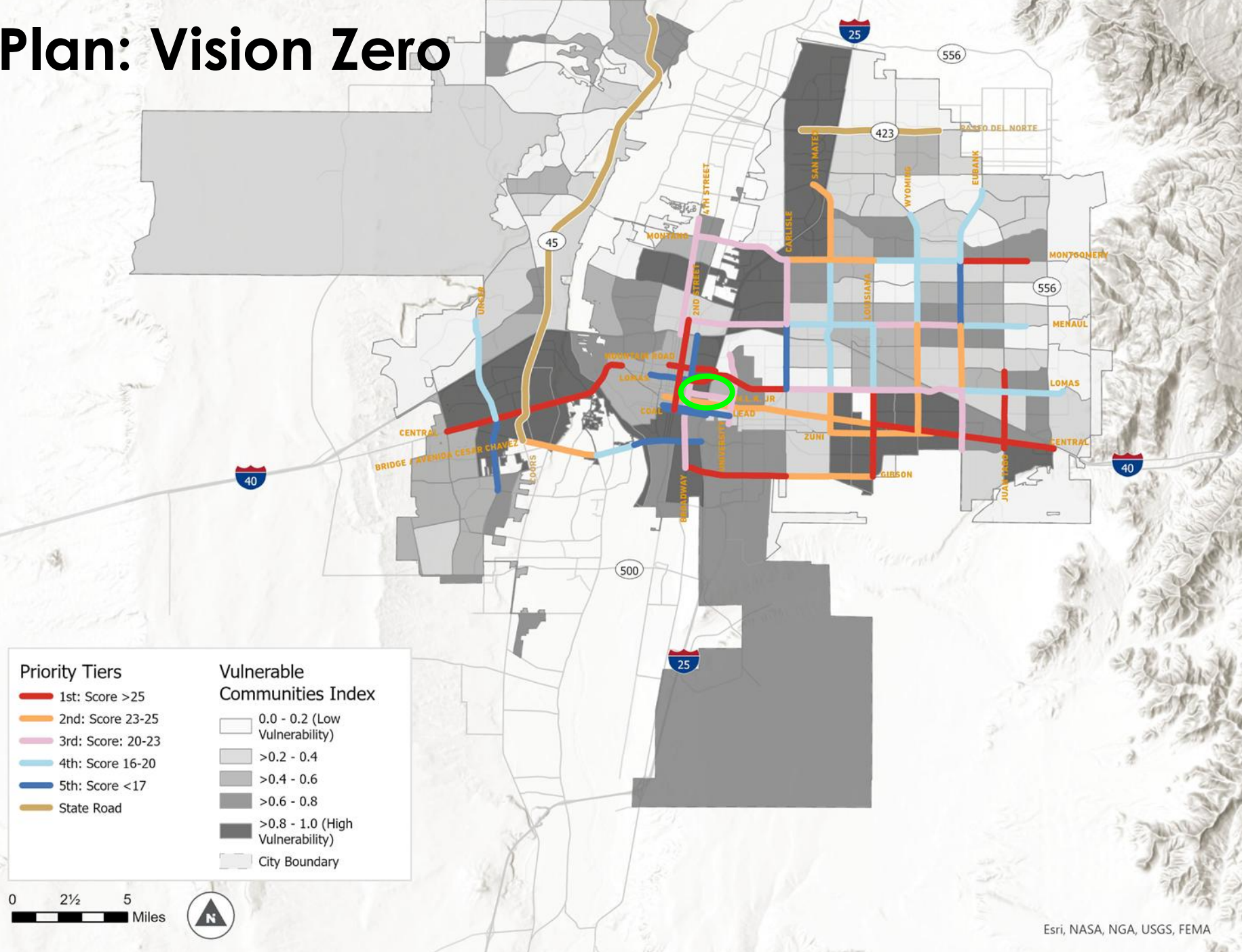
- BTFP placed greater emphasis on **equity and safety** in transportation
- Identified/prioritized **low-stress** bikeway network to serve people of all **ages, abilities, and backgrounds**
- Appropriate facility types depend on **traffic volumes and vehicle speeds**
- MLK high-priority project
 - Recommends upgrading from buffered bike lanes to separated bike lanes
- MRCOG Traffic counts MLK near High St & Edith
 - 2019: ADT 13,406 / AWDT 14,400
 - 2023: ADT 9,804 / AWDT 10,470
- Posted speed limit: 30 miles per hour

MLK

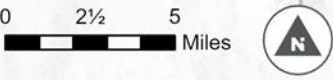


Plan: Vision Zero

Prioritized High Fatal and Injury Network (HFIN)



Priority Tiers	Vulnerable Communities Index
1st: Score >25	0.0 - 0.2 (Low Vulnerability)
2nd: Score 23-25	>0.2 - 0.4
3rd: Score: 20-23	>0.4 - 0.6
4th: Score 16-20	>0.6 - 0.8
5th: Score <17	>0.8 - 1.0 (High Vulnerability)
State Road	City Boundary



41%
of fatalities occurred on these 24 corridors (2015-2019)

16%
of road miles in Albuquerque

90%
are Principal Arterials

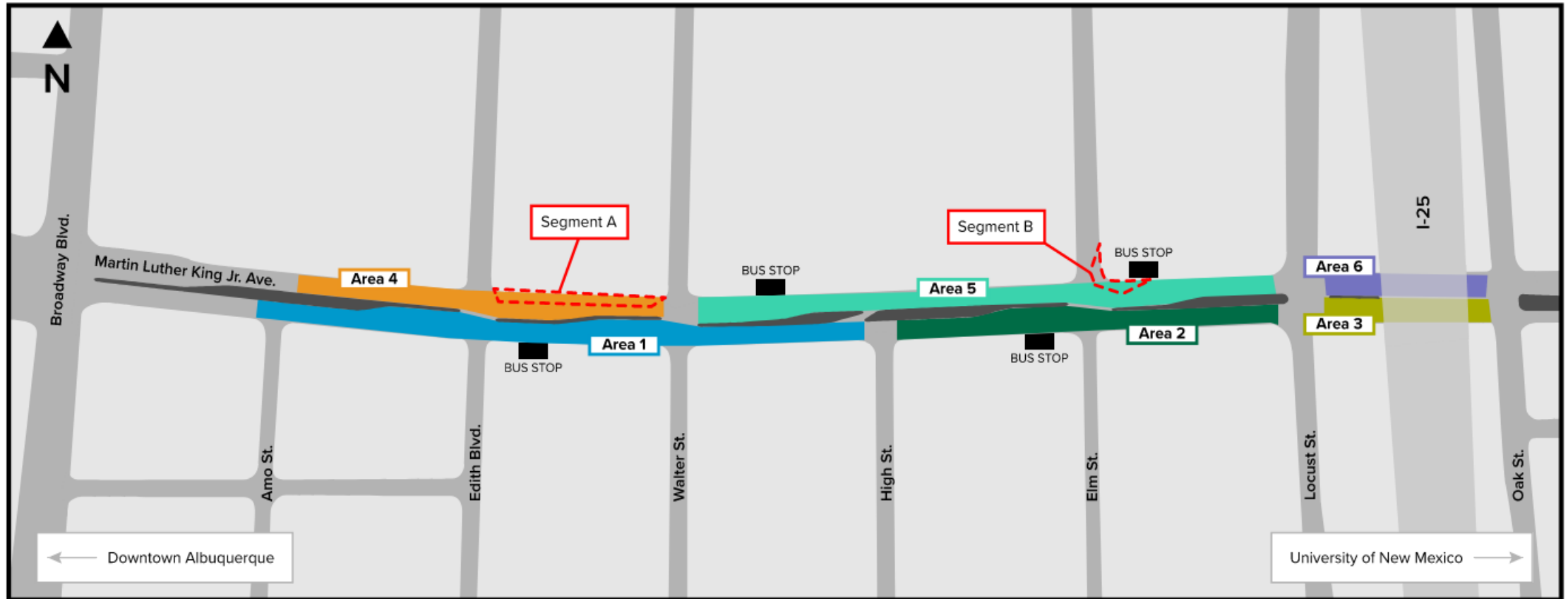
Esri, NASA, NGA, USGS, FEMA

Project Purpose and Goals

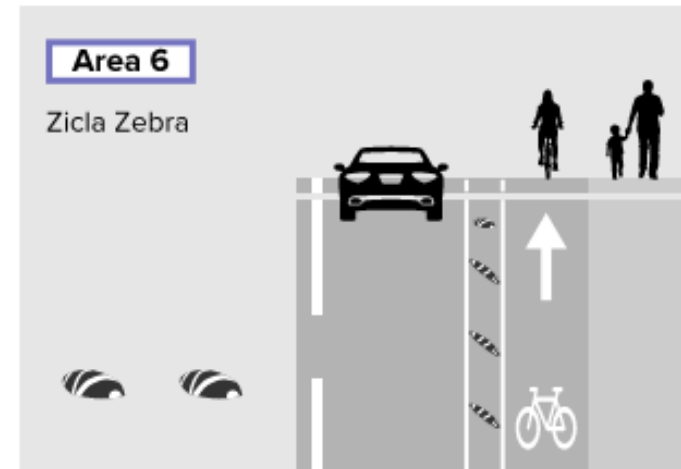
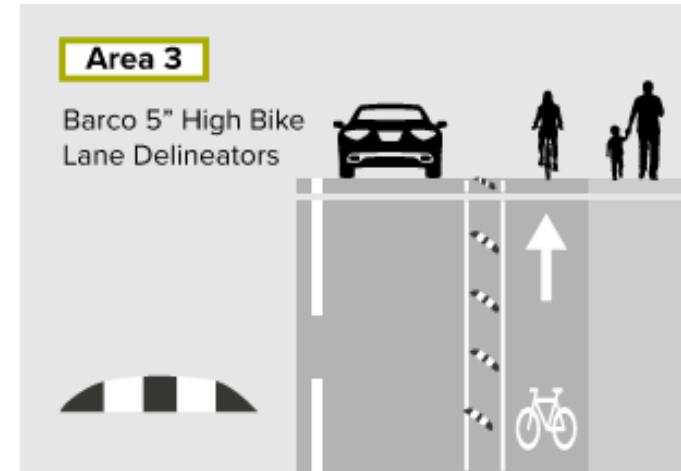
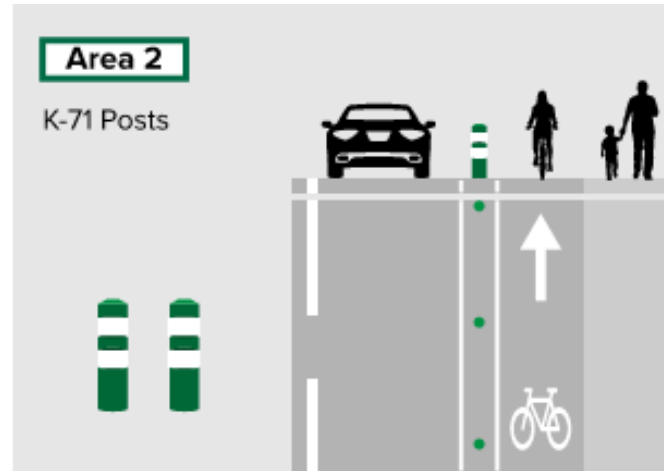
- Research, design, pilot, and monitor varied types of Separated Bike Lanes (SBL) configurations
- Pilot two types of intersection treatments
- Gather feedback via public survey
 - cabq.gov/mlkbikes (not live yet)
- Through this project:
 - Determine preferred SBL measures
 - Strike a balance with functionality, comfort, and maintenance needs
 - Increase driver awareness
 - Reduce conflict at intersections

Project Location

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. between Arno St. and Oak St.



Proposed Improvements



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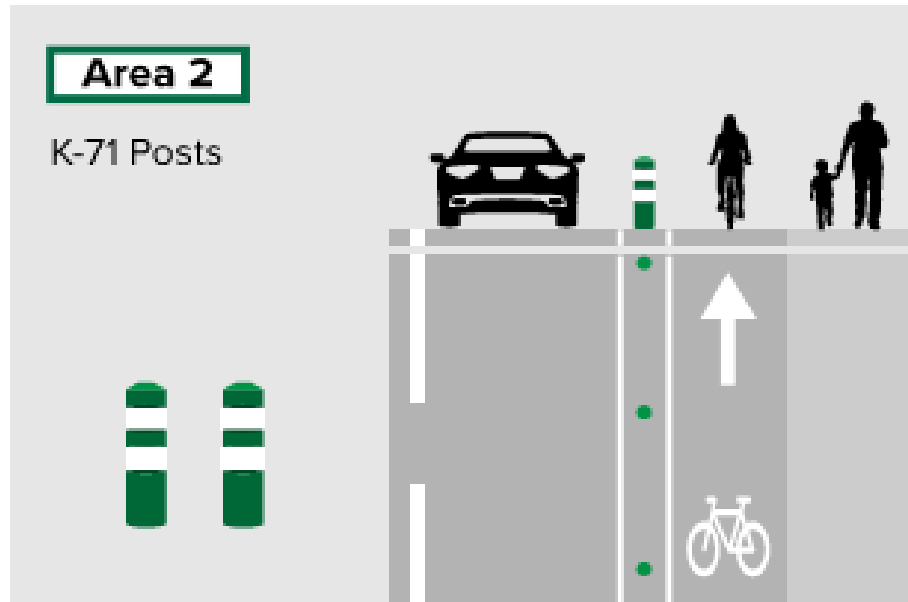


Schematic configuration between Arno St. and High St.



Initial Implementation: Arno St. to Edith Blvd.
November 2025

Proposed Improvements

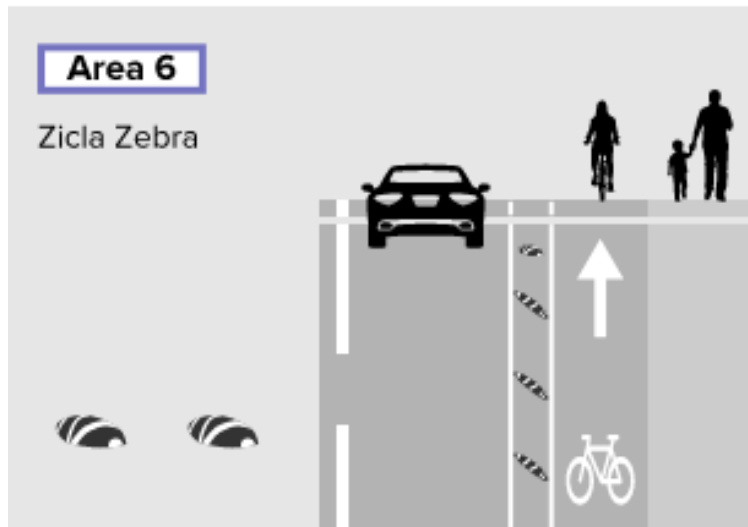


Schematic configuration between Edith Blvd. and High St.



Columbus, Ohio, East Broad Street

Proposed Improvements



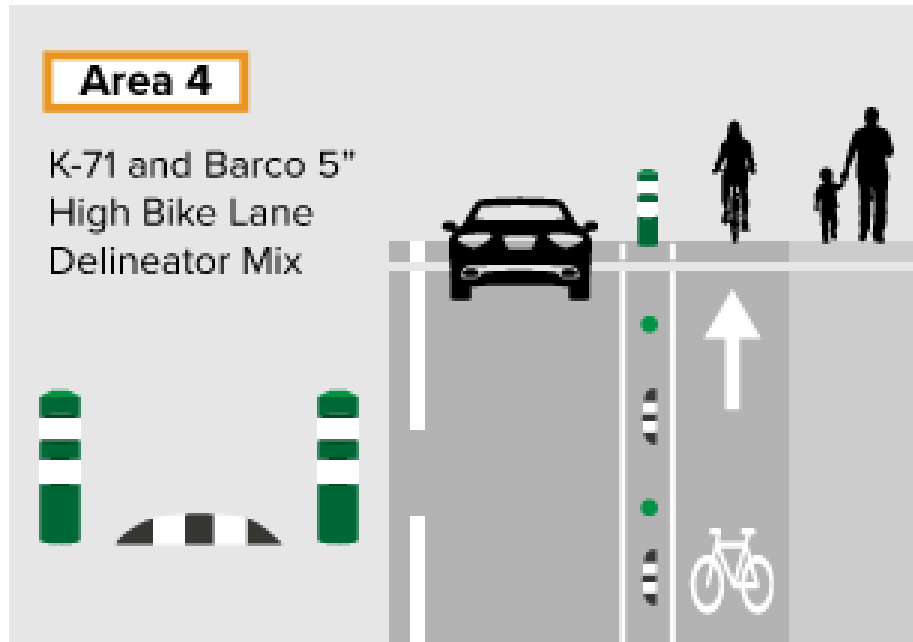
- I-25 Underpass Treatment
- NMDOT coordination
- Low profile devices



Houston, Tx, Polk Street



Proposed Improvements

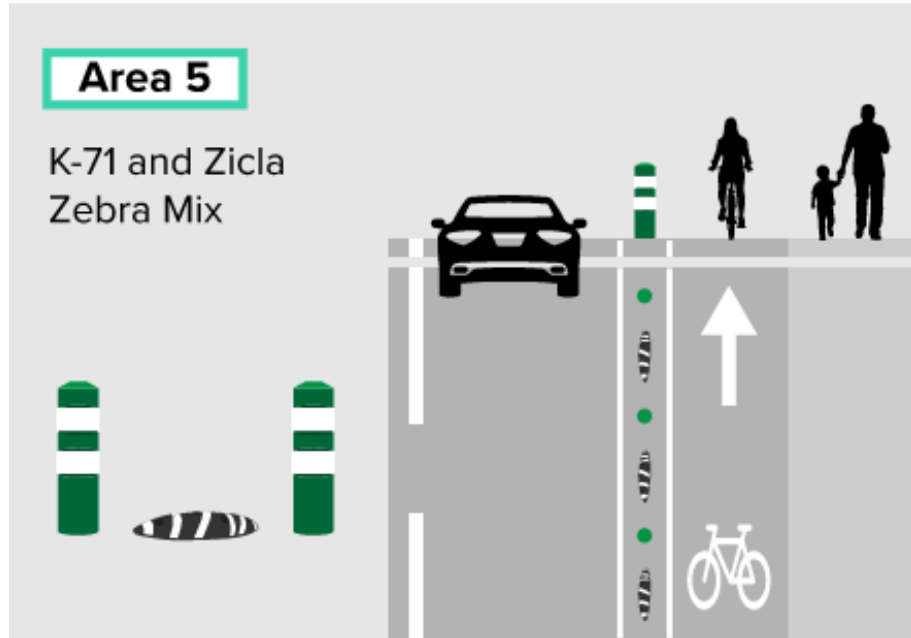


Schematic configuration between Arno St. and Walter St.



Los Angeles, Ca, Spring Street

Proposed Improvements



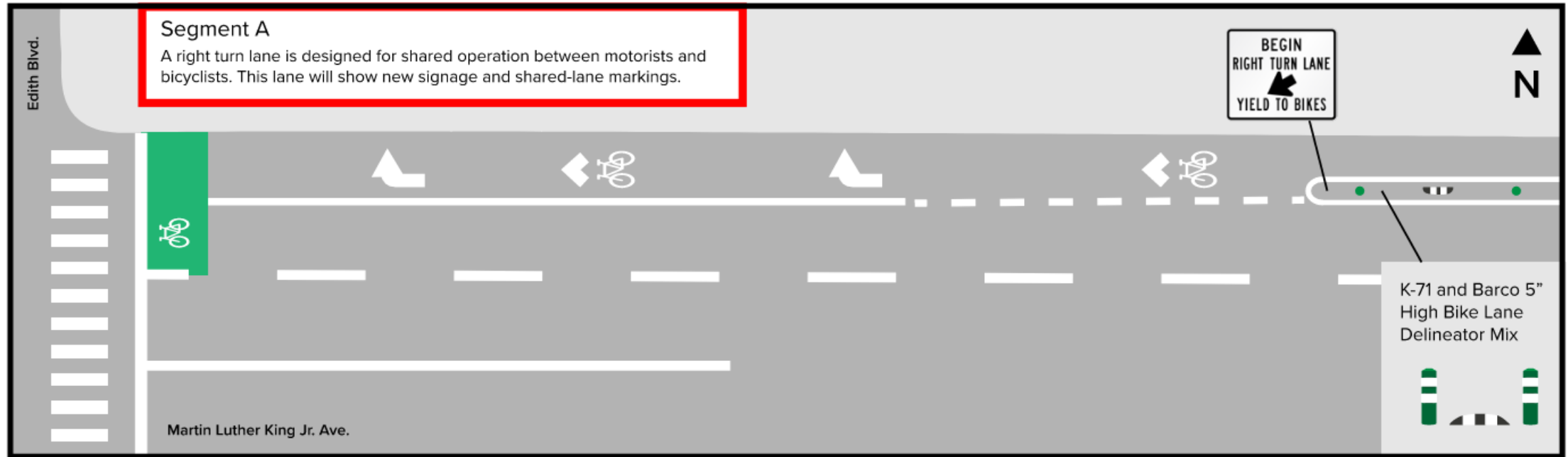
Schematic configuration between Arno St. and Walter St.



Columbus, Ohio, Schrock Road

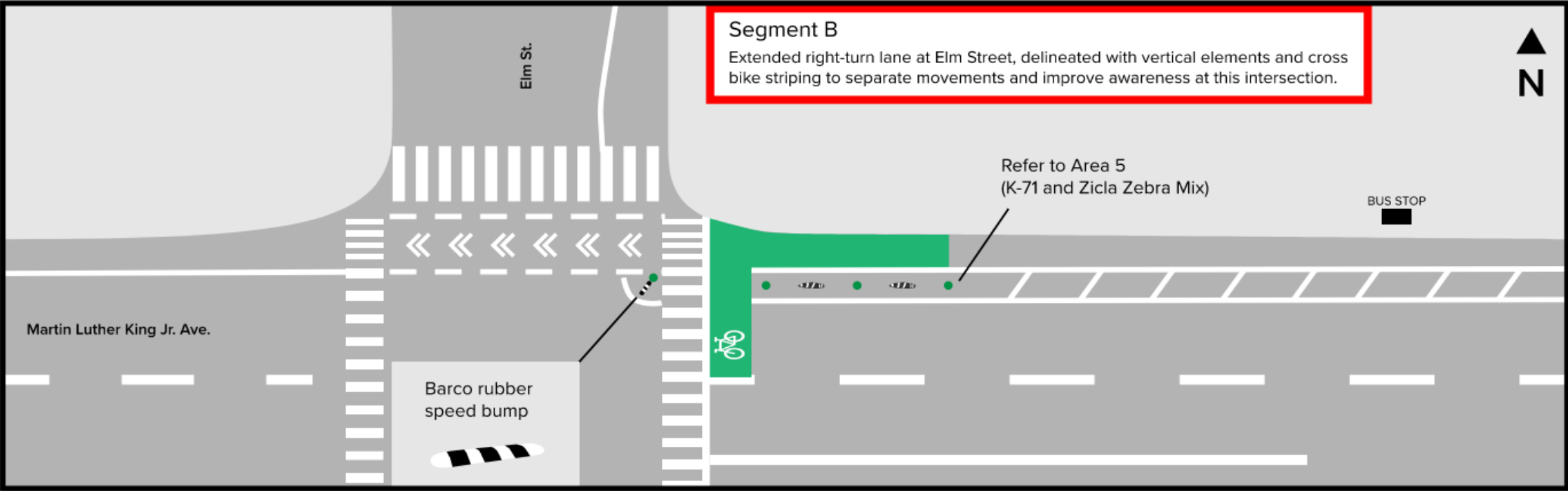
Intersection Designs

Segment A – Edith Blvd. to Walter St.

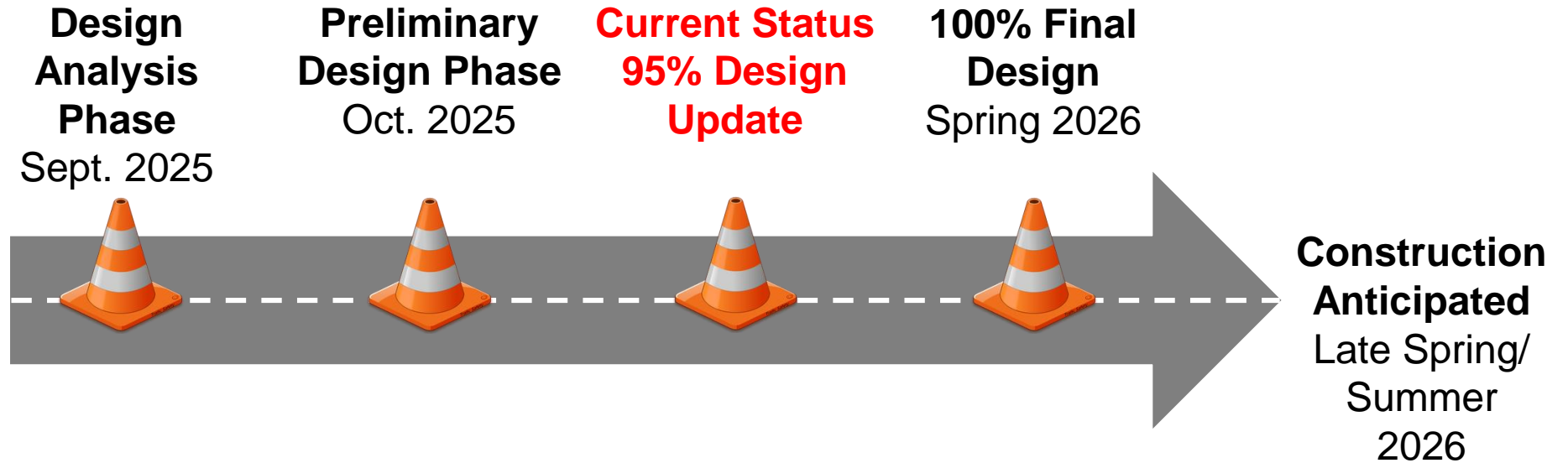


Intersection Designs

Segment B – Elm St.



Project Schedule & Funding



• Project Funding

- Design: Vision Zero GO
- Construction: Vision Zero GO
- Fully Funded

Next Steps

- Finalize design
- Identify implementation strategy/ordering materials
- Launch dedicated City project **website with survey** for feedback (not live yet)
 - cabq.gov/mlkbikes

Thank you!

Questions?